

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

THE LITTLE ALSACE OF TEXAS

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Word From The Chief...

We are happy to be wrapping up the old year and starting the new here at the Castroville Police Department. We were a little busier last year than in previous years, wrapping up with a total of 2559 calls. Our major crime rate involving serious assault and burglaries is still very low and we are proud to say that we continue to serve and protect the citizens of Castroville, keeping it as safe a community as possible.

During 2010, we were fortunate to participate in Castroville's 2nd Annual National Night Out Event. We had a great time and there was a great turnout. We intend to make it a much bigger and better event in 2011. We are hoping to raise awareness among the citizens of Castroville in 2011, not only about this wonderful event, but other resources that are available such as programs like Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch. If you think you might be interested in one of these programs, we have uploaded their website links on the City of Castroville website (www.castrovilletx.gov) under the Police Department tab. We would also be happy to speak to you directly and assist you with information about instituting a crime prevention program in your neighborhood.



Our department now consists of eight certified peace officers including the Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeant and five patrol officers and our Administrative Assistant and Animal Control Officer. Our office hours are 8-5, Monday through Friday, but we have officers on duty at all times. We can be reached any time at (830) 931-2222. If you call this number after hours, it will ring at the Medina County Sheriff's Office. Simply request to have an officer make contact with you.

I feel fortunate to work in such a wonderful city and with such great citizens. I encourage each of you to take the initiative in 2011 to get involved with us in preventing crime in this great city we call home. Remember that we are here to serve you, but we can always use your assistance. Any bit of information or action on your part, no matter how small, may make all the difference in preventing or solving a crime.

Chief McVay

So You Know...

The City of Castroville will be conducting a warrant roundup in the coming months. If you have an outstanding warrant, now is the time to contact the Castroville Municipal Court to make payment arrangements. For more information, contact Debby Riser, Municipal Court Clerk, at 931-4089.

Council Events

January 17 @ 7:00

City Council

February 7 @ 7:00

City Council

February 21 @ 7:00

City Council

Board Events

January 12 @ 6:30

Library Board

January 13 @ 7:30

Sports and Rec Board

January 19 @ 4:00

Regional Park Board

January 20 @ 6:30

Design Review Board

January 24 @ 6:30

Historical Landmark Commission

February 9 @ 6:30

Library Board

February 9 @ 6:30

Planning & Zoning Board

February 10 @ 7:30

Sports and Rec Board

Community Events

January 11, 2011

Spring Program
Begins at Library

January 11 @ 6:30

City Master Plan
Town Hall Meeting

January 20 @ 6:00

Castroville Chamber of
Commerce Banquet

Master Plan Town Hall

The Master Plan Task Force invites you to provide your feedback on the proposed City Master Plan at our Town Hall Meeting 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the Braden Keller Center. This meeting along with the 30-day comment period will give you the opportunity to tell the city what you think about Castroville's future. For more information, call Kathy Rodriguez, Community Development Officer at 931-4070.

Castroville Connections

City of Castroville 1209 Fiorella Street, Castroville, Texas 78009 (830) 931-4090
24 Hour Utility Emergencies (830) 931-4091

The City of Castroville is committed to providing quality service through staffing and resources approved and authorized by your City Council.

Mayor, Robert Lee	931-4070/931-5333	mayor@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 1, Sammy Tschirhart	931-3600	district1@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 2, Kyle L. McVay	538-2630	district2@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 3, Jeff Gardner	931-0129	district3@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 4, Eric Cherry	210-653-2491	district4@castrovilletx.gov
Mayor Pro Tem District 5, David P. Stuart	931-3608	district5@castrovilletx.gov
City Administrator, Paul Hofmann	931-4070	cityadmin@castrovilletx.gov

City Council Meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month.

About Our Town

Did you know...

The Castroville Nip & Tuck Program offers low-cost spay and neuter vouchers to residents of our community. To qualify, you must be on a low fixed income and have adopted your pet. For more information, contact Kyle McVay at 931-2525.

New Year...New Police Officer

The Castroville Police Department has a new officer on board. His name is Benjamin Hunt. He joined our force in late November and is still in the field training process. Benjamin is from San Antonio and this is his first appointment as a peace officer. We are very happy to have him. Benjamin will be sworn in at the January 17th council meeting. If you would like to welcome him to our city, please attend or say hi when you see him out in our community.

Council Puts Bite Into Animal Control Ordinance

The City of Castroville has recently amended the city ordinance regarding dangerous dogs in order to institute stricter regulations upon their owners or caretakers. This new code is consistent with state law regarding dangerous dogs as set forth in the Texas Health and Safety Codes 822.041 and 822.042 defining a dangerous dog and the requirements for keeping a dangerous dog within the city limits.

The animal control officer would like to remind city residents to register all their dogs and cats. Registration can be done at City Hall and costs \$10.00 per animal yearly or you may obtain a lifetime registration for a one-time fee of \$10.00 if your pet is spayed or neutered. Livestock registration is also available upon request. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required.

All animals housed within the City are required to have a current rabies vaccination. This is especially important and beneficial to Castroville residents in light of our close proximity to river frontage meaning that we have more wild animals coming into our city that might carry rabies than other cities might experience. Please check your animals' rabies vaccination records to make sure that they are current.

Animal Control Officer Billy Torres has the capability to set traps for offending animals, but due to limited time and resources, this service is available on a first come, first served basis. If you choose to purchase and set your own trap, he may remove the animal from the cage for you as a courtesy. However, always call and make sure he is available the next day before setting your trap, as you are ultimately responsible for its use and therefore disposal of anything you catch.

If you have an animal control issue or questions regarding animal control matters, you may reach the Castroville Police Department at 931-2222.